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Renewal of Medical License for 2006

The 2006 annual renewal notices were mailed in December to physicians holding an active license with instructions of how to renew a medical/osteopathic license. Physicians renewing their license for 2006 have an opportunity to renew their licenses on-line. The current renewal fee of \$125.00 has remained the same and it is possible to renew using either a check or credit card. For physicians renewing online there is a \$5.00 convenience/service fee.

For those who wish to continue to send a paper renewal application, it should be noted that the 2006 renewal form is available in a printable format at www.kbml.ky.gov. The form is located in the top right-hand corner of the KBML web page directly under the link to renew online. A request can also be made to have a form mailed to you.

The majority of physicians utilizing the online renewal service have been very satisfied with the process. Most comments that have been received are extremely favorable. We have received suggestions from physicians for changes on the 2007 online renewal process. The Board will consider these suggestions and most likely some will be incorporated in the next renewal cycle.

The Board believes that it is more convenient for most physicians renewing online since it only takes a few minutes and is easy to use. Many times paper forms are returned due to failure to enclose a check for the proper amount or not properly filling out the form and this is very frustrating for the licensee. It should be noted that incomplete renewal forms or forms received without the proper payment are returned prior to registering the license. This not only causes additional expense but also delays timely processing of your license renewal. Also, with online renewal, wallet cards are usually mailed the day after the renewal is completed online whereas paper forms take longer to process creating a delay in mailing of wallet cards.

The \$125.00 renewal fee is due by March 1, 2006. To avoid paying a late fee, forms must be postmarked no later than the March 1 deadline. Late registration, (after March 1, but before April 1), may be made by an additional \$50.00 penalty fee. Should you fail to register before the April 1, 2006 deadline, your license will automatically become inactive and subsequent practice in Kentucky will be considered the unauthorized practice of medicine or osteopathy. Anyone registering after the April 1 deadline will be imposed an additional penalty fee.

Board Actions Report (Actions taken since 10/01/2005)

- Richard W. Arnold, M.D., Cynthiana, KY, License #18408.

 Order of Revocation, Stayed; Order of Suspension and Probation issued 11/2/05.
- Ronald C. Bibb, M.D., Danville, KY, License #31272.

 Agreed Order of Surrender entered into 12/15/05.
- Frederick H. Coates, M.D., Lexington, KY, License #21689.
 Third Amended Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 12/20/05.
- Peter A. Coats, M.D., Lexington, KY, License #39327.

 Agreed Order of Suspension, Stayed; Order of Fine, entered into 12/15/05.
- Steven W. Crawford, M.D., Out of State, License #31192.
 Amended Agreed Order of Probation entered into 12/8/05.
- William J. Curtin, M.D., South Williamson, KY #33543.

 Order of Suspension issued 9/8/05, effective 10/10/05.

 Temporary Injunction granted by Jefferson Circuit Court on 10/12/05 enjoining Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure from enforcing Order of Suspension issued 9/8/05.
- Amy M. Deeley, M.D., Louisville, KY, License #33789.
 Agreed Order entered into 12/12/05.
- Robert G. Drake, M.D., Somerset, KY, License #22048.

 Order Terminating Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction issued 11/2/05.
- Rosarie M. Dubrule, M.D., Tiptonville, TN, License #32575.

 Order of Revocation issued 11/18/05 effective 11/21/05.
- John T. Ebert, M.D., Hopkinsville, KY, License #31114.

 Order Dismissing the May 6, 2005, Order of Suspension issued 11/10/05 effective 11/10/05.
- Herman A. Garrett, M.D., Flatwoods, KY, License #33843.

 Amended Order Reinstating License issued 11/2/05.
- Husam E. Hamed, M.D., Out of State, License #36543.
 Amended Agreed Order entered into 12/29/05.
- **Gerald R. Harpel, M.D., Cynthiana, KY, License #30976.**Agreed Order entered into 11/21/05.
- Michael K. Herrin, M.D., Out of State, License #28219.

 Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 12/12/05.
- Deepak N. Kapadia, M.D., Madisonville, KY, License #34261.

 Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 12/15/05.
- Donald A. Koehler, P.A.-C., Alexandria, KY, Ctf. #PA192.

 Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 12/6/05.
- Richard Karrel, M.D., Crestwood, KY, #38508.

 Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 10/7/05.
- James E. Little, D.O., Whitley City, KY, #01195.
 Third Amended Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 10/17/05.
- Tariq K. Malik, M.D., Owensboro, KY, License #32045.

 Amended Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 12/15/05.

- F. Christopher Massa, M.D., Lexington, KY, #34943. Second Amended Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 10/5/05.
- Mumtaz I. Malik, M.D., Elizabethtown, KY 42701, #22028.

 Agreed Order of Surrender entered into 10/18/05.
- Dan M. Miller, M.D., Murray, KY, License #20118.
 Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 11/10/05.
- Kenneth L. Mudd, M.D., Louisville, KY, License #R0304.Agreed Order of Surrendered entered into 11/17/05.
- Lorenzo D. Nichols, III, M.D., Athens, TN, #33053.

 Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 10/20/05. Order terminating earlier Order of Revocation; Stayed; issued 12/16/05.
- Gary C. Patton, M.D., Morehead, KY, License #24639.
 Order Terminating Agreed Order of Probation issued 11/10/05.
- John A. Patton, M.D., Whitley City, KY #18176.
 Amended Agreed Order entered into 9/15/05.
- Antolin J. Perez, M.D., Louisville, KY, #16471.

 Agreed Order of Surrender entered into10/10/05.
- Arturo Portales, D.O., Lexington, KY #02635.
 Order of Revocation issued 9/22/05.
- Andrew W. Porter, M.D., Benton, KY, License #20835.

 Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 12/2/05.
- Eric A. Norsworthy, M.D., Beaver Dam, KY 20834.
 Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 9/22/05.
- Mario Rios, M.D., Louisville, KY #LL409.

 Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 9/26/05.
- Mark W. Rukavina, M.D., Berea, KY #22686.
 Seconded Amended Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 12/15/05.
- Thomas J. Schroeder, M.D., Louisville, KY #18652.

 Amended Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 9/22/05.
- Morteza H. Shafa, M.D., La Center, KY, License #22367. Amended Agreed Order entered into 11/10/05.
- Dinesh H. Shah, M.D., Mayfield, KY, License #26092.

 Order of Indefinite Restriction/Limitation issued 11/2/05.
- Bruce C. Smith, M.D., Clinton, KY, License #17274.

 Third Amended Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 12/15/05.
- Ronald R. Sommerfeldt, M.D., Russellville, KY, License #19407.

 Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 12/15/05.
- David W. Suetholz, M.D., Taylor Mill, KY, License #18013.
 Order Terminating Amended Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction issued 11/2/05.
- Michael B. White, M.D., Perryville, KY, License #37677.
 Order of Revocation issued 12/16/05.
- Allen B. Young, M.D., Carrollton, KY, License #26902.
 Agreed Order of Surrender entered into 11/10/05.

Restrictions have been placed on the following physicians licenses pending resolution of charges brought against the physician:

Ira J. Azizpour, M.D., Manchester, KY, License #25031.

Complaint and Emergency Order of Suspension issued 11/16/05 - Effective 11/17/05.

William J. Curtin, M. D., South Williamson, KY, License #33543.

Complaint and Emergency Order of Suspension issued 11/18/05 - Effective 11/21/05.

Clyde D. Brown, M.D., Ft. Wright, KY, License #21732.

Complaint and Emergency Order of Restriction issued 12/28/05 - Effective 12/29/05.

Request For Alternate Board Certification To Advertise As "Board Certified" Within The Commonwealth

Pursuant to 201 KAR 9:018(4)(b), the Board **GIVES NOTICE** that the American Board of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (ABFPRS), has requested approval by the Board for its members to advertise in the Commonwealth that they are "board certified" in that specialty, even though the specialty is not a member of the American Board of Medical Specialties.

The ABFPRS has stated that its members meet the requirement of identifiable training in the specialty or subspecialty in an ACGME-accredited program by completing an ACGME-accredited residency training program in either otolaryngology/head-and-neck surgery and/or plastic surgery.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that licensees have until April 1, 2006 in which to provide written comments for consideration by the Board's subcommittee who will approve or disapprove this request for alternate certification.

Common Reasons for Consumer Grievances

Each year, the Board receives numerous grievances against physicians for matters unrelated to the quality of care provided. Instead, these grievances focus on the conduct of the physician and office staff. Consumers cite examples such as lack of attention or disinterest on the part of the physician, rudeness, and an overall lack of professionalism. In addition, consumers often point out an apparent lack of sensitivity and communication after or during a traumatic event as another reason for filing a grievance.

Along with the examples noted above, many physicians have grievances filed against them for failing to provide medical records. It is important to remind all physicians that state law (KRS 422.317) mandates that all licensed hospitals or health care providers shall provide, without charge to the patient, a copy of the patient's medical record at his/her written request. Please note there are no exceptions to this requirement.

The Board encourages all physicians to make the effort to avoid these common pitfalls and help avoid a potential investigation.

KBML, Inquiry Panel & Committee Meetings for 2006

January	19	Board Inquiry Panel B		
February	01	Advisory Council on Athletic Trainers		
	02	Physician Assistant Advisory Committee		
	02	Advisory Committee for Surgical Assistants		
	16	Board Inquiry Panel A		
March	16	Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure		
April	13	Board Inquiry Panel B		
May 03		Advisory Council on Athletic Trainers		
	04	Physician Assistant Advisory Committee		
	05	Advisory Committee for Surgical Assistants		
	18	Board Inquiry Panel A		
June	22	Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure		
July	20	Board Inquiry Panel B		
August	02	Advisory Council on Athletic Trainers		
	03	Physician Assistant Advisory Committee		
	03	Advisory Committee for Surgical Assistants		
	17	Board Inquiry Panel A		
September	13	Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure		
October	19	Board Inquiry Panel B		
November	01	Advisory Council on Athletic Trainers		
	02	Physician Assistant Advisory Committee		
	03	Advisory Committee for Surgical Assistants		
	16	Board Inquiry Panel A		
December	14	Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure		

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Change of Address Notice

Please Note: The information that you provide on this Change of Address Notice will be used to update your profile on the Board's web site at kbml.ky.gov.

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